

rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,371,898 to Grube et al. (hereinafter Grube). Claims 3 to 9, 15, and 16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as obvious over Grube in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,797,099 to Ejzak et al. (hereinafter Ejzak). These rejections are addressed in the above amendments and the following remarks.

Similar to the present invention, Grube describes a method for switching between two wireless networks when the wireless unit can only be affiliated with one network at a time, however Grube differs from the present invention in several significant respects.

Grube describes a system where a wireless unit camps on a trunking network until a call is received on a cellular network, the unit switches to the cellular network until the call is completed, and then returns to the trunking network. Grube does not allow the wireless unit to choose to remain camped on the cellular network, nor does Grube provide a way for the unit to be notified of an incoming call on the trunking network when the unit is camped on the cellular network. In contrast, the present invention allows the wireless unit to choose to initially camp on either of the two wireless networks, and notification of a call on the network to which the unit is not presently coupled is accomplished regardless of which network the unit is camped on.

In addition, the system described in Grube is directed to overcoming the inefficiencies of using a trunking system for individual calls and using a cellular system for group dispatches. The present invention, however, is designed to allow the use of multiple networks in order to facilitate using the same wireless unit for both voice and data calls without sacrificing the ability to receive incoming voice calls when a data call is in progress and vice versa. The system described in Grube, even when combined with the teachings of Ejzak, does not overcome Grube's shortcoming of only receiving notification at the wireless unit of incoming cellular calls and not incoming calls on the trunking network.

Grube also does not disclose the use of a registration identifier that can be used to identify which network the wireless unit is presently camped on. The present invention uses this registration identifier to determine which wireless network the wireless unit is camped on in order to determine where the notification of the incoming call should be sent (Page 5, lines 14-20).

The claims have been amended to clarify these distinctions. No new matter has been entered.

The independent claims as amended and discussed above distinguish the invention from the prior art. Since the independent claims are allowable, the dependent claims are also allowable without need for further comment.

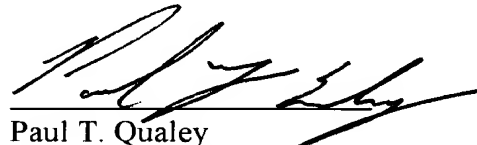
A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 220-4200 to discuss the application.

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